Wildlife Safari in Delhi

3370. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a wildlife safari and bird sanctuary are being set up in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no botanical garden in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the measures proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) State Government of Delhi has already notified the area of Asola and Bhatti as wild life sanctuary. No new sanctuary or wild life safari is proposed to be set up in Delhi.

(c) and (d) There is no Botanical garden in Delhi. However, the Government has decided to establish a Botanical garden in Noida.

Bhure Lal Panel on Environment

3371. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) on which date the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority, commonly known as Bhure Lal Panel, was set up, together with its tenure, composition and terms of reference;

(b) whether the panel has since submitted its report to Government; if so, when and the details thereof;

(c) what action, if any, has been taken on the main recommendations of the report; and

(d) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor and by when the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority for the National Capital Region (NCR) was set up on 29th January, 1998 with a tenure of two years consisting of the following persons, namely:—

1. Shri Bhure Lal, Chairman
2. Smt. Kiran Dhingra, Member
3. Shri Anil Agarwal, Member

4. Shri Jagdish Khattar, Member and

5 Shri D.K. Biswas, Convenor.

The tenure of the Authority has subsequently been extended till 28th January, 2003 and after demise of Shri Anil Agarwal, Ms. Sunita Narain has been made a member of the Authority.

The powers delegated to the Authority by the Government include issue of directions pertaining to standards for the quality of the environment, emission or discharge of pollutants, industrial areas, vehicular pollution, ambient noise standards, monitoring the action plan as contained in the 'White Paper on Pollution in Delhi with an Action Plan', powers of entry, inspection, search and seizure for protecting and improving the quality of the environment and preventing, controlling and abating environmental pollution in the NCR under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(b) and (c) The Authority, submitted progress reports periodically to the Government on its activities and functions for protecting and improving the quality of the environment and preventing, controlling and abating environmental pollution in the NCR. Its latest progress report for the period August, 2001 to February, 2002 was received by the Government. The main recommendations of the Authority were implemented by the Government which include phasing out of leaded petrol, introduction of petrol with 1% benzene maximum, introduction of fuel (petrol as well as diesel) with 0.05% sulphur content maximum, sale of only pre-mixed 2-T Oil in petrol stations, ban on plying of Delhi city bus fleet more than eight years old except on clean fuels, conversion of Delhi city bus fleet to single fuel mode on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), increase of CNG supply outlets, adoption of more stringent emission norms known as Bharat Stage-II norms akin to Euro-II norms for 4 wheeled vehicles and construction of common effluent treatment plants.

(d) Does not arise.

Forest area under Project Tiger

3372. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of forest areas which are being considered to be placed under the Project Tiger Scheme during 2002 and 2003, State-wise; and

(b) whether any areas from Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Goa,